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*...Jamie Holtom*  
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## "The Story We Find Ourselves In"

	Today	God Frees The People
	Mar 14	God Sets Up A New Neighbourhood
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	Mar 28	God Shows Up

### CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMMING

We welcome your family to North Bramalea and offer the following programs on Sunday morning for children and youth:

**Infant and Toddler Nursery** and **Preschool Nursery** are open 10 minutes before service. Please check in your child with the adults in each room. Rooms located off main lobby.

**KFC (Kids for Christ) Grades K-5.** Please check-in your children at the registration desk at front entrance before service.

**Youth Programming for Jr. Hi and Hi School available at 11am only.** Jr. High meets in Norm's office and High School meets in the Youth Lounge on lower worship level.

### **Bucket Offering Postponed**

Because of the building interruption last year and the move to electronic exchange rather than change in our pockets, we have reduced this year's bucket offering to one bucket offering on Palm Sunday. The Bucket Offering was a Lenten tradition that came from Florida a number of years ago, when we threw spare change in our pockets into buckets at the beginning of each service during Lent for a variety of projects. This year we ask you to save up spare change for giving it on Palm Sunday, March 28, to a special project.

### **"TALK IT OVER" On DVD & Website**

"Talk It Over" presents two ways of digging into our new series, "The Story We Find Ourselves In." We will place a short study video on DVD and on our website. They can be used for individual study and as resource for people to form a group and study. The video presents two of our ministers talking about the particular theme of the Sunday, e.g. Moses for this Sunday. The DVD is available at the Information Desk. The same video is available on the web site for people to use.

### **Spiritual Gifts for Making A Difference**

Do you wonder what God's plan is for your life? Do you sometimes wish you had the ability to make a difference? Well, God has given us each our own unique set of gifts that He expects us to use. Come and discover your gifts at a workshop today from 12:30 to 4:00 in the Meeting Place. A light lunch will be provided.

### **Spaghetti Dinner and a Movie**

Mark your calendar SATURDAY, **MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>**. Spaghetti Dinner and the movie, "Happy Feet" for families and another movie for adults. Cost is \$10 adult/\$5 child/\$25 max family. For further info or tickets please contact.

### **Joy Circle**

The Joy Circle invites everyone to join them for "Song & Movement" on March 16 from 7:30-9:00 PM. We will be meeting in the Infant Nursery. We will be singing and moving to some of the old favourite Hymns and Gospel Songs and moving gently to some more meditative music. You will be invited to sing and move or just sit and enjoy. For further info, please contact Lois Honsberger or Imke Vanloo.

### **Women's Breakfast**

Our next Women's Breakfast is scheduled for **Sat. March 27** from **9 – 11am**. Our guest speaker will be Justine Blainey, who will be speaking on Women's Health. Bring along a friend for this fun morning. Your food will be prepared and your senses stimulated. If you think you can join us, please add your name to the list in the book at the information table. Any questions can be directed to Jane Varty or Barb Waisanen.

### **FIRST AID/CPR COURSE**

On Sat, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-5. Registration limited to 10 persons. Fee \$80. Please sign up at the Information Desk. This course is for people who want a general knowledge of first aid principles and the emergency treatment of injuries. Skills include: victim assessment, rescue breathing, CPR, choking, respiratory & circulatory emergencies and how to deal with external bleeding. There is a written test which you will be able to pass after attending this day long course taught by Erin Miles.

**GOING DEEPER WITH "THE STORY WE FIND OURSELVES IN"**  
**"God Frees The People" Exodus 14:5-14**  
**March 7, 2010**

**Scripture: Exodus 14: 5-14**

<sup>5-7</sup> When the king of Egypt was told that the people were gone, he and his servants changed their minds. They said, "What have we done, letting Israel, our slave labor, go free?" So he had his chariots harnessed up and got his army together. He took six hundred of his best chariots, with the rest of the Egyptian chariots and their drivers coming along.

<sup>8-9</sup> GOD made Pharaoh king of Egypt stubborn, determined to chase the Israelites as they walked out on him without even looking back. The Egyptians gave chase and caught up with them where they had made camp by the sea—all Pharaoh's horse-drawn chariots and their riders, all his foot soldiers there at Pi Hahiroth opposite Baal Zephon.

<sup>10-12</sup> As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and saw them— Egyptians! Coming at them!

*They were totally afraid. They cried out in terror to GOD. They told Moses, "Weren't the cemeteries large enough in Egypt so that you had to take us out here in the wilderness to die? What have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt? Back in Egypt didn't we tell you this would happen? Didn't we tell you, 'Leave us alone here in Egypt—we're better off as slaves in Egypt than as corpses in the wilderness.'"*

<sup>13</sup> Moses spoke to the people: "Don't be afraid. **Stand firm and watch God do his work of salvation for you today.** Take a good look at the Egyptians today for you're never going to see them again.

<sup>14</sup> GOD will fight the battle for you.

**FAMOUS ONE**

*You are the Lord, the famous one  
Famous one.  
Great is your name in all the earth.  
The heavens declare:  
You're glorious, glorious.  
Great is your fame  
Beyond the earth.*

1. And for all you've done and yet to do  
With every breath I'm praising you.  
Desire of nations and every heart,  
You alone are God.  
You alone are God.

*You are the Lord...*

2. The morning star is shining through.  
And every eye is watching you,  
Revealed by nature and miracles.  
You are beautiful.  
You are beautiful.

*You are the Lord,  
The famous one,  
Famous one.  
Great is your name  
In all the earth.  
The heavens declare:  
You're glorious, glorious.  
Great is your fame.  
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Introduction

1) The Exodus story is one of the great stories of salvation. It has offered hope to those seeking liberation for themselves and their people. The word "Exodus" literally means DEPARTURE. It is used to refer to both the moment of crossing the Red Sea in Exodus 14 and the wandering in the desert for many years following that before entering the land of Canaan or "the promised land".

2) Scholars continue to question the historical nature of the Exodus story. However this is a story that offers us the truth about a God who is CONCERNED for humanity and chooses to enter in and offer a new way forward. If God were to be "concerned" today what might be some of the things that would concern God? Are there any ways that God is acting on these things?

Read Exodus 14:5-14 (see other side)

3) The Egyptians are CHASING the Israelites and there is great fear as a result for them. What are some of the things that are "chasing" you and preventing you from having that free life in Christ? Worry? Addiction? Pressures from our culture?

4) The Israelite people find themselves in a life and death situation as they flee from Egypt. It causes them to cry out to God. What is God's response through Moses? (Exodus 14:13) How might that have helped give the Israelite people confidence?

4) This part of the story is only the middle of the story. With freedom comes responsibility. Three things are still part of the Israelite people's response to receiving freedom:

a. They are to commemorate what God has done through the Passover. How do you remember or celebrate what God has done in your life?

b. They are given the 10 Commandments or "The Law" as a guide to this new life. How do these guidelines for life help them? How do guidelines or certain practices help you live the Christian life?

c. They must trust God because God's freedom will be a continual process of ups and downs. We live in the reality of human frailty where we perhaps only get moments of complete freedom. As you read through the experience of the Israelite people through the remainder of Exodus how do you see this being lived out? What does it mean for you?

5) Moses never actually makes it to the Promised Land. So in summary, Moses leads the people out of Egypt, but only God can get them to the Promised Land. What does that statement mean for your life?

Prayer

Lord, thank you for this incredible story that continues to offer us the hope of your liberating power in our lives and our world. May I experience it and be part of it. Amen.